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Mr. William E. Muno
Director, Superfund Division
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5
77 West Jackson
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Dear Mr. Muno:

I am writing with reference to the Master Metals site, a Superfund site in Cleveland, Ohio. Northern Ohio Lumber, along with the City of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the State have been negotiating in good faith with the Potentially Responsible Parties (PRP's) for the cleanup and redevelopment of this contaminated brownfield site for more than a year. I recently had an opportunity to view the site with the potential end user, Northern Ohio Lumber, and discuss their frustration with the PRP's to move forward with their responsibilities.

Unfortunately, the cleanup has been stalled because of a reluctant PRP group standing in the way of a brownfield redevelopment project that would have a great positive effect on the community. I request that you order the implementation of the remedy negotiated by the parties and approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. It is important that we not delay the cleanup and redevelopment of this site any longer.

If you have any questions, please contact my Regional Representative in the Cleveland area, Fran Migliorino, 216-787-3240.

Sincerely,

Bob Taft
Governor

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